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Please contact rebecca to see if there is anything you can do towards the
conference.

I will be on the road so I will be no help and completely out of touch for
the crucial week beforehand.

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WIDE AREA INFORMATION SERVER WORKSHOP

Research Triangle Park, NC USA
February 3 - 4, 1992

INVITATION and PROGRAM

Sponsored by

MCNC Center for Communications and
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Conference Chairperson
* George Brett, MCNC Center for Communications

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* Brewster Kahle, Thinking Machines Corporation
* John Oberlin, Institute for Academic Technology, UNC Chapel Hill
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The Wide Area Information Server is an electronic publishing system,
developed by Thinking Machine Corporation that is freely available on
many computer platforms. Fundamentally a remote information retrieval
system, WAIS offers user-friendly multimedia access to distant
resources using networks such as the internet, X.25, and modems.

This two-day conference launches the North Carolina WAIS Initiative by
gathering peopel who have worked on the WAIS program and people who
would like to understand how WAIS can offer an electronic publishing
backbone for network information distribution.

* The conference will include demonstrations of all public interfaces
and services available on WAIS.

* Speakers will include people who have created the tools, and topics
will focus on where their efforts are going. Both industry and academic
projects will be presented.

* Users of the technology will discuss how it already has affected

their organizations and what their plans are for future development.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendance will be limited and registration will be on a first-come,
first-served basis. Please register promptly by sending in your
completed registration form.

The workshop will be held at MCNC, 3021 Cornwallis Road, P.O. Box
12889, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2889. The airport closest to
Research Triangle Park is Raleigh-Durham International.

Seating is limited. The workshop includes all meals (hors d'oeuvres at
the reception, two lunches, two continental breakfasts, and coffee
during the breaks) and one copy of the speakers' overviews (to be
handed out at the workshop).

A block of rooms has been reserved in the Research Triangle Park at the
Guest Quarters Suite Hotel and the Red Roof Inn. Guest Quarters may be
reached at 919-361-4660 (local) or 1-800-424-2900 (out-of-state). Red
Roof Inn may be reached at 919-361-1950. Reservations must be made by
January 27. When making your reservation, be sure to inform the hotel
that you will be attending this workshop. Car rental is available at
the airport.

If you have administrative questions, please contact Rebecca Gebuhr
(919-248-1841, fax 919-248-1405, e-mail gebuhr@mcnc.org), MCNC, P.O.
Box 12889, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2889. If you have technical
questions, please contact George Brett (919-962-1000, fax 919-248-1405,
e-mail ghb@concert.net).

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Registration Form

(Please complete and return to MCNC, P.O. Box 12889, RTP, NC 27709-2889
   Attn: R. Gebuhr or email: gebuhr@mcnc.org or fax: 919-248-1405)

>> You must complete this registration form in order to be registered
>> for the workshop. The deadline for registration is January 29.

Name_____

Affiliation_____

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Mail Stop _____

Street/
P.O. Box_____

City/State/Zip/Country_____

Telephone_____

E-mail_____

Please indicate special dietary considerations
(e.g., vegetarian) _____

PROGRAM

Monday, February 3, 1992 - MCNC

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Introductions and Overview
* G. Brett, MCNC Center for Communications
* A. Blatecky, MCNC Center for Communications
  >> MCNC Introduction and Workshop Overview

11:00 a.m. - Noon Session I
Introduction to Wide Area Information Servers
* B. Kahle, Thinking Machines Corp
  >> Introduction to and background on the Wide Area Information Server.

Noon - 1:00 p.m.   Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Session I (continued)
Introduction to Wide Area Information Servers

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.   Break

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.   Session II
Z39.50 Protocol and Wide Area Information Servers
* C. Lynch, University of California
  >> Presentation of Z39.50 protocol and its relationship to WAIS.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Demonstrations of WAIS clients and servers

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Reception at the Institute for Academic Technology,
Research Triangle Park, hosted by the Institute for Academic Technology

Tuesday, February 4, 1992 - MCNC

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 11:00 a.m Session III
Wide Area Information Server Development at UNC-Chapel Hill
* J. Fullton, Office of Information Technology, UNC-Chapel Hill
  >>Emphasis will be on current and projected development of WAIS
    clients, servers, and databases.

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Break and Demonstrations

11:30 a.m. - Noon Session IV
The Kudzu Project in North Carolina
* G. Brett, MCNC Center for Communications
  >> This session will summarize the workshop and outline future
     activities.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Adjourn to Lunch